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SUBJECT: GATT: ASEAN PREFERENTIAL TRADING ARRANGEMENT

1. BECAUSE SUBJECT MATTER WAS MTN, US DELEGATION TO ASEAN SENIOR TRADE OFFICIALS MEETING SINGAPORE DECIDED THAT IT WAS INAPPROPRIATE TO RAISE ISSUE OF GATT TREATMENT OF ASEAN PTA DURING THIS GENERAL MEETING. HOWEVER, BAAS RAISED ISSUE SEPARATELY WITH THE HEADS OF THE THREE DELEGATIONS OF GATT MEMBERS (INDONESIA, SINGAPORE, MALAYSIA).

2. IT IS CLEAR FROM THESE DISCUSSIONS THAT ASEAN IS NOT PREPARED TO SEEK ARTICLE XXIV WAIVER, LARGELY BECAUSE OF INABILITY AND UNWILLINGNESS OF INDONESIA TO AGREE THAT PTA IS FIRST STEP LEADING TO FREE TRADE AREA OR CUSTOMS UNION.

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ARTICLE XXV WAIVER SOMEWHAT MORE ATTRACTIVE TO ASEAN GATT MEMBERS, BUT THERE APPEAR TO BE ONLY A SLIGHT POSSIBILITY THAT THEY WOULD AGREE TO SUCH A WAIVER DURING GATT WORKING PARTY. REASON IS CONCERN OF ASEANS ABOUT GETTING TOO FAR OUT IN FRONT OF OTHER G-77 MEMBERS BY BREAKING "NORMAL" PRACTICE OF LDCE OF JUSTIFYING SUCH ARRANGEMENTS UNDER PART IV OF GATT. DELEGATIONS SAID

ASEAN DELEGATIONS IN GENEVA WOULD BE DISCUSSING ISSUE
FURTHER WITH USDEL IN GENEVA BEFORE WORKING PARTY.
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